

HOUSE MET AT SIX O'CLOCK

MEMORIALS WERE READING, BUT WORKED HARD.

Declined to Have Another Session—Judge N. H. Harris said to be Opposed to the Senate Bill.

AUSTIN, February 16.—The first faint streaks of the morning sun were struggling to pierce the dense clouds of the dome of the capitol, and the members of the legislature were gathered in the hall, waiting for the opening of the session. The session was opened at six o'clock, and the members of the legislature were gathered in the hall, waiting for the opening of the session.

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the bill and a bill, lively in the extreme, occurred between Mr. Harris and Mr. Harris. Mr. Harris, who is deeply dyed with old-fashioned notions and ideas, made frequent reference to the fact that he had been a member of the legislature for many years.

"If the gentleman doubts my word as to the facts," said Mr. Harris, "I will have the speaker administer the oath of interpreter to me and interpret the matter." Then, suddenly remembering himself in his dignified capacity of representative, Mr. Harris drew himself up and became eloquent. He said he hoped he had as true a conception of the dignity of his office as representative as the gentleman from Starr.

The bill was passed on third reading, by suspension of rules, by a vote of 72 to 18.

House Bill No. 211, to transfer Morris and a few other counties from the district to the community school system, was passed.

A resolution was adopted, to empower the committee on investigation of the Confederate home to summon witnesses, etc., for the purpose of advancing and exhibiting their work.

Jennings, Nacogdoches, again moved his early morning hour for convening on Monday—6 o'clock—but it was voted down with a shout, even Mr. Harris voting against it. The house adjourned to 10 o'clock Monday.

The following memorials and petitions were submitted:

By Hitter, of Falls (Pop.): Memorial from pastors of different churches, asking for the age of consent be raised to 16 years.

By Robbins, of Willbarger: Memorial of thirty-two school teachers of Wichita county, asking that they be paid.

By Gillett, of Callahan: Petition from 170 citizens of Taylor county, requesting that said county be not excluded from operation of inspection laws.

The following bills were introduced:

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sons over and above their indebtedness. You are therefore respectfully advised that this department holds that in rendering back shares for taxation the owner can not deduct therefrom the amount of his indebtedness. His indebtedness must be deducted if deducted at all—from debts due to him.

To this connection you are further advised that Hon. John D. McCall, while comptroller, subsequent to his letter to you of February 16, 1893, uniformly instructed assessors in exact accordance with the decision hereinbefore set forth in Volume 67, R. C. Report, page 818. I am very respectfully,

R. W. FINLEY, Comptroller.

Land Commissioner's Business.

Austin, Feb. 16.—Land Commissioner Baker said this evening that he had secured very much to be enabled to do the business of the land office direct with the people. He feels that it is a reflection on his management of the business that the people will write to him and he will be enabled to do so.

Re-Districting Committee.

Austin, Feb. 16.—Speaker Tom Smith said tonight, "I have not selected the house members of the joint committee on redistricting the state. I have made one selection, Blair of San Antonio. For the other districts, I have two or three names under consideration for each party."

Chambers' Heirs' Claims.

Austin, Feb. 16.—The sub-committee of the house, to whom was referred the claim of the Chambers heirs, reported today, recommending that the sum of \$10,000 be paid to the heirs of the late Thomas J. Chambers as compensation for 5000 acres of land taken from the state capital by the republic of Texas.

JENNINGS' JOKE.

It Worked All Right—The Boys Were Out.

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WAS GARROTED IN FORT WORTH

THE STARTLING STORY OF EXPERIENCE WITH ROBBERS.

A Young Man From the South Side Held Up on Seventeenth Street Near Calhoun—Slashed With a Knife and Knocked Senseless.

Charles Dignum, a young Englishman engaged in the market gardening business on 10th and Ellis place three miles south of town, was the victim of a vicious and murderous assault at the corner of Seventeenth and Calhoun streets about 10:30 last night. He had just come from the South Side and after crossing Front street walked up Jones street one block and then turned West on Seventeenth. When near the corner of Calhoun he was met by two robust men, both considerably larger than himself, who assaulted him before he was aware of their intention. Before he had fully realized what they were up to one of them had slashed at his breast with a knife and he felt it pierce the flesh, though as it afterward appeared, the wound made was only a slight one. He threw up his hand to grapple his assailant, when the knife slipped through his hand, inflicting an ugly gash in his hand.

About the same time the other man struck him a heavy blow on the forehead with some blunt instrument, which stunned him badly and left a severe bruise. Then one of the thugs grabbed him from behind and pinned him down, while the other man searched through his pockets, relieving them of all their contents, about \$5 in silver. As soon as they got through they ran away in the direction of the railroad yards, and have not been seen since.

Two Angostura Bitters, the world's best, and have not been seen since. Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock the M. & T. northbound passenger train jumped the track at Smithville. No one was seriously hurt. The train was delayed. A train was made up here last night to supply the place of the delayed train, and pulled out on time. It was made up of box cars for baggage and express purposes, and consisted of one of the engine in the "P. & M." where the Dallas News special, that they blow so much about, came out as a freight train, but it answered every purpose, as the passengers were supplied with first-class service in every other particular, and it showed the Road's readiness to run by people who understand the wants of the public and are ever ready to accommodate their patrons and friends.

Public Schools.

Report of Progress for the Week Ending February 15, 1895.

The following is a weekly statement of the average actual enrollment, attendance and tardiness in the city public schools of Fort Worth, Tex., for the week ending Friday, February 15, 1895:

Number Monday, 2782; Tuesday, 2781; Wednesday, 2782; Thursday, 2781; Friday, 2780.

She Hopes to Get the Santa Fe Shops From Galveston.

Cleburne, Feb. 16.—Cleburne is very much agitated over a rumor that seems to have considerable foundation, to the effect that the Santa Fe shops have been ordered removed from Galveston. Inasmuch as Cleburne is the only point on the road that has a superabundance of good water and more room than is needed for the shops, it is good that the shops will come here.

Charged With Vagrancy.

Fifteen Men Arrested Near the Door of Hops-Market.

This will be taken as an effort to have the school fund turned over to the Catholics and will stir up a great deal of discussion.

Wills Point Killing.

T. R. Yantis Shoots at W. W. Swank and Miss C. W. Swank.

Wills Point, Tex., Feb. 16.—C. W. Swank, a prominent citizen of this town and the traveling representative of the Wertheimer-Swartz shoe company of St. Louis, Mo., was accidentally shot and instantly killed today by T. R. Yantis of Canton, Texas, at the Wills Point, Tex., where he was on his way to a passenger train.

Yantis was returning on this train from Dallas, and W. W. Swank and C. W. Swank were preparing to board the train. Yantis alighted before Yantis got on the train, and after shaking hands with several, saw Swank and struck at him, hitting him on the face. Swank, who was unarmed, was thrown entirely through his body, came out on the right side. Swank exclaimed: "They have killed me," and instantly expired.

Both parties were taken to the hospital, but Yantis quickly put his arm around Swank and died in the direction of Swank, but the bullet missed the intended victim and struck Swank in the side just below the heart, and going entirely through his body, came out on the right side. Swank exclaimed: "They have killed me," and instantly expired.

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church last Sunday there was no standing room to hear his farwelled sermon. The ministers of other churches having cancelled their appointments to allow their members to do honor to Brother Kincaid.

L. Gordon of Fort Worth is in the city today, prospecting.

On the arrival of the train from Dallas tonight a number of members of the Baptist church were at the depot to meet Mr. Kincaid, who came from Dallas, where he and his family have been the guests of his brother during the past few days. Mr. Kincaid was ushered into the new Union restaurant, where an elegant lunch had been prepared. After every one had partaken of all the good things, an hour was spent in pleasant conversation by the brother and members, some of whom he had not met before.

A SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Frank Quarles Wounds John Chapman—Cause of the Fight.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 16.—At 1 o'clock this morning, Frank Quarles, one of the proprietors of the Turt Saloon, on the southwest corner of Commerce and Jefferson streets, shot John Chapman in a room over the Turt saloon.

Chapman was carried to his room over Cabell's livery stable, and a surgeon summoned, who announced that the bullet entered at about the lower extremity of the rib on the right side in front and, passing through the cavity containing the man's vital organs, as to what mischief the bullet had done in its passage, the doctor was this morning unable to say. At all events, though, he considered the wound a very dangerous one.

Chapman is 22 years old and a brother-in-law of James Chapman, who is one of the proprietors of the saloon on the northwest corner of Commerce and Market streets. No statement could be obtained from the injured man's relatives.

Quarles, who left the room and ran down the street as soon as he shot Chapman, afterwards surrendered to starting prices. Quarles declined to make a statement as to the shooting. The pistol used was a .38-caliber. A man named Miller states that Quarles and a woman were having a racket in the room, and Chapman went in in the capacity of peace-maker, which Quarles resented, the interference in his private affairs by shooting him.

Young Man Killed.

Paris, Tex., Feb. 16.—A fatal accident occurred near Canton, in Red River county, yesterday morning, resulting in the death of a young man by the name of Melton, son of Mr. George Melton. The young man, who was about 18 years of age, went out hunting, and when he returned home he slipped from his horse and was killed by a tree.

In the Business World.

Failures at Houston.



CLOTHING LIKE OURS

On George Washington's back would have created surprise. Our \$7.50 suit on yours will do the same thing. Folks can't understand how we do it. Between us we put the price thus low because we want to clean our counters of all heavy-weight suits in order to get ready for the Spring season. Don't argue lateness of season. The price is so low that it's economy to buy a suit for next Winter's wear. The demand is great and we have necessarily lengthened the time of sale to next Saturday night. If you see you will sign to get inside of our \$10.00 overcoat. These suits and overcoats are bargains for students of economy who are wise enough to keep warm. Do you care to see them?

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THE ORIENTAL, DALLAS, TEXAS.

THE COURTS.

County Court.

Commissioners' Court.

Suits Filed.

In the Justices' Courts.

Salary Raised.

WHERE CAN I BUY GOOD SHOES FOR LESS THAN THEY COST AT THE FACTORY?

READ THE ANSWER

IN THE STARS.

AT THE GREAT CLOSING OUT SALE OF THE WELTMAN'S Stock of Men's, Ladies' and Children's FINE SHOES. They must be sold at once.

R. M. REID,

512 MAIN STREET.